



STATE PREVENTION INVENTORY – DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PROFILE

STATE PREVENTION SYSTEM

Structure and Organization

The Office of Prevention and Youth Services (OPYS) is the District of Columbia's alcohol and drug abuse prevention arm, as mandated by the following pieces of legislation:

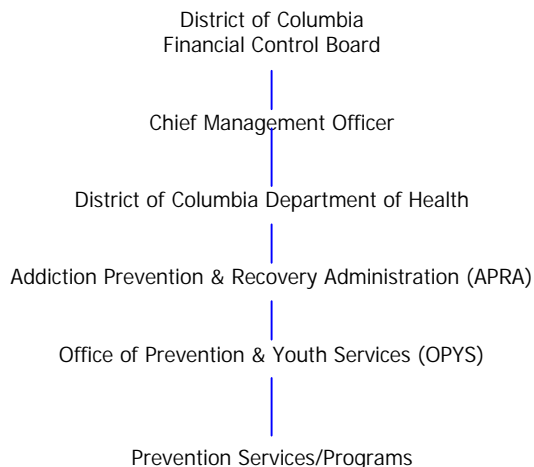
- The Hagan Act, P.L. 90-452
- The Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, P.L. 91-513
- The Narcotic Addiction Treatment Act of 1974, P.L. 93-281
- Department of Human Services Order #60 (October 1, 1982)

OPYS is placed within the Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA) of the Department of Health. APRA is responsible for the prevention, prompt identification, treatment, and rehabilitation of substance abuse throughout the District; OPYS is charged with providing an array of education and prevention services for the residents of the District of Columbia. Among these are:

- Coordinating the District of Columbia's Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program and developing an Educational Prevention Plan
- Designing and disseminating printed materials addressing the harmful effects of alcohol and other drug abuse
- Conducting prevention and education seminars, workshops, and panels within the District
- Providing community outreach through the use of mobile drug education vehicles (i.e., Drugmobiles)
- Administering a mini-grant program
- Administering the Governor's portion of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities grant

According to the District of Columbia's SAPT Block Grant Application (FFY 1996), the District ensures that its prevention services "are coordinated and integrated into a unified prevention strategy consistent with the six CSAP prevention strategies."

Organizational Chart



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FUNDING AND RESOURCES

Year (FFY)	Local Funding	SAPT Funding	20% Set-aside
1993	969,262	\$3,887,424	\$777,485
1994	1,139,378	3,881,314	786,303
1995	728,077	2,899,748	585,442

Average amount of grant/contract:

- FFY 1993 - \$100,500
- FFY 1994 - \$98,288
- FFY 1995 - \$83,635

Allocation of Funds

CSAP Strategy	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Information Dissemination	\$186,000	\$86,493	\$33,025
Education	70,485	47,178	220,746
Alternatives	521,000	31,452	30,471
Problem Identification and Referral	0	31,452	143,978
Environmental	0	23,589	103,098
Community-based Process	0	558,275	27,562
Other*	0	7,864	26,562

*Synar Amendment compliance.

Per-capita 20% set-aside spending (population):

- FFY 1993 - \$1.34
- FFY 1994 - \$1.38
- FFY 1995 - \$1.14

Staff/Volunteers designated and supported by set-aside funding and level:*

- FFY 1993 -
 - District: 6 FTE/0 Volunteers
- FFY 1994 -
 - District: 6 FTE/0 Volunteers
- FFY 1995 -
 - District: 11 FTE/ 0 Volunteers

*For simplicity, "State," "Regional," and "Local" staff have been combined into one category.

Resource Spending*	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995
Planning, Coordination, and Needs Assessment	\$185,956	\$27,460	\$301,077
Quality Assurance	78,543	0	30,116
Training (post-employment)	156,332	0	32,389
Education (pre-employment)	35,679	0	16,816
Program Development	89,674	8,266	274,911
Research and Evaluation	34,775	14,832	140,732
Information Systems	68,453	11,505	223,305

*These expenditures fell outside the set-aside.

Substate entities receiving set-aside funds for prevention service delivery

- 2 community prevention coalitions
- 5 agencies
- 75 community-based organizations

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Definition of Prevention:

The Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration defines prevention as: "Those activities which are designed to prevent individuals and groups from becoming dependent on the habitual use of alcohol and other drugs (illicit/legal)."

Does the State have prevention plan?

A citywide prevention plan has been developed and APRA is currently involved in the early implementation of this plan.

- Incarcerated populations
- Faith communities

Target populations for prevention services:

- Minority populations
- Youth in high-risk settings
- Senior citizens

Total Number served:

- FFY 1993 – 60,000
- FFY 1994 – 70,000
- FFY 1995 – 80,000

Programs funded:

Type	Number of Programs/Number Served			Programs
	FFY 1993	FFY 1994	FFY 1995	
Education	NA*/900**	NA	NA	Employee Counseling Service; Parklands Community Center
Alternatives	NA	15/300***	NA	Fletcher-Johnson Educational Center; Friday Night Live Clubs; Kenilworth/Parkside Latchkey program
Information dissemination	NA	NA	NA/30,000	Clearinghouse
Problem identification and referral	NA/60,000♦	NA	NA	Prevention/intervention hotline
Community-based process	NA	NA	NA	Mayor's Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

* Data not available from the District of Columbia.

** Number of employees served by Employee Counseling Service, an employee assistance program (EAP) that targets at-risk government employees.

*** Number of Friday Night Live Clubs established during 1993-94 school year.

♦ Number of calls to which the hotline responded.

DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

Results currently available on prevention programs funded by the 20% set-aside (including needs assessments and data collection):

The District of Columbia has not performed a comprehensive needs assessment; however, the District is – and will be – using data from a prevention needs assessment conducted by the Community Prevention Partnership. While no comprehensive needs assessment has been conducted, APRA does monitor prevention needs in a variety of ways, including:

- The extraction of existing data from the D.C. Public School System, Pre-trial Services Agency, Consortium on Community-Based Organizations, National Institute of Justice, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These data are used to assess youth knowledge and attitudes regarding psychoactive substance use and abuse.
- The execution of a survey of 100 women of childbearing age residing in Wards 7 and 8 to determine the types of drugs most frequently used; the results of this survey will assist APRA in specifically designing prevention sites within these Wards.
- The development of prevention activities for the elderly. APRA reviews data from the D.C. Office of Aging and the United Planning Organization to assess the prevention needs of seniors.
- The collaboration with grassroots organizations, including the D.C. Community Partnership, that provide District-wide prevention services.

Statistical data used to evaluate and analyze prevention services are gathered and maintained through a system addressing the following areas:

- Minigrants – The District has awarded minigrants of approximately \$10,000 each, which have been used to support neighborhood-based organizations for the development or enhancement of drug prevention strategies targeted to approximately 250 at-risk youth.
- Fletcher-Johnson Educational Center, Drug Abuse Prevention Alternatives Initiative – Fletcher-Johnson Educational Center is located in an at-risk area of the city with student enrollment consisting of 900-1,000 students. The District is supporting an entrepreneurship initiative at the site. The participants, ages 14-17, learn designing, marketing, and distributing techniques in the manufacture of T-shirts, caps, bags, and so forth, all containing positive messages.
- Friday Night Live Clubs – The city established these clubs with District schools and public housing complexes. These clubs aim to minimize destructive factors in communities and build protective factors that promote healthy human development for children at risk.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Training and Technical Assistance:

The Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA), in collaboration with the University of the District of Columbia, provides training at a reasonable cost to the citizens of the District of Columbia, and at no cost to District employees in an effort to enhance their delivery of prevention services. APRA is also collaborating with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (and other private stakeholders), in an effort to develop standards for licensure guidelines for prevention personnel.

Certification Activities:

In conjunction with the University of the District of Columbia, APRA is providing the Professional Education Prevention Program for the certification of ATOD prevention workers. The program offers 16 modules for a total of 66 credit hours, leading to an Associate's Degree in a human services field.